

COLUMBUS TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
109 NORTH FRONT STREET, GROUND FLOOR, ROOM 100
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011
5:00 p.m.

Present were:

Voting Members: Carr, Croasmun, Simmons, Simonds, Stephens, Stitts

Advisory Member: Mull

Executive Secretary: Austin

Division of Mobility Options Staff: Bowman, Lewis, Popa

Division of Planning and Operations Staff: Wilfong

Call to Order: 5:06 p.m.

Motion to approve October 11, 2011, minutes: Simmons; 2nd, Simonds. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

T&PC Vice Chair Elected

Executive Secretary Austin recommended Steve Simmons be nominated as this Commission's Vice Chair.

Discussion.

Motion to nominate Commissioner Steve Simmons as recommended: Stitts; 2nd, Croasman; Simmons abstained. Motion carried.

Sidewalk and Bikeway Facility Requirements – Rules and Regulation

Commissioners were provided copies of the Sidewalk and Bikeway Facility Requirements Rules and Regulations with proposed changes. Randy Bowman reviewed those changes with the Commissioners. Some additional changes/corrections/clarifications were made during review and discussion.

Motion to recommend the enhancements to the Sidewalk and Bikeway Facility Requirements with the additional typo's identified, including striking of the comment "site plans" throughout and the "and/or" inclusion in section 9A: Simmons; 2nd, Carr. Motion carried.

Staff will brief the Building Services Review Committee (BSRC) November 10, 2011, then advertise changes in the City Bulletin as required by City Code. Staff anticipates the new rules and regulations will be in effect on January 1, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

Bicycle Subcommittee Update

Nick Popa gave an update as follows on the October 26, 2011, Bicycle Subcommittee meeting.

Resurfacing Projects

Sharon Woods – The edge lines and sharrows were installed November 5. Share-the-road signs will be installed this month.

Dexter Falls

The plans for sharrows and edge lines are complete and pre-marking and marking should take place this month, weather permitting.

King Avenue Bike Lanes

A public meeting for this project is scheduled for November 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2001 Northwest Boulevard.

2012 Resurfacing Projects

Approximately two dozen streets have been identified that have potential for bikeways. Five or six of those will require further analysis by the consultant to determine feasibility of installation of bike lanes.

Bike Shelters

Construction continues on the ten shelters that are included in phase one. The first shelter has been installed at High and Sixteenth Street near The OSU campus. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held November 2. Nine shelters are due to arrive December 2 and are scheduled to be installed by Christmas. Phase Two of this project is in final design and expected to go to bid in the spring of 2012.

Share-the-road Campaign

The draft Education and Engagement Plan was distributed to the Subcommittee for review and comment. The next step is for the consultant to brief the Department of Public Service leadership on the implementation options and associated pricing. Staff plans to roll out the new share-the-road initiative in the spring of 2012.

Seventy-seven Bike Plan Recommendations

The Subcommittee reviewed the encouragement-based recommendations, discussed prioritization, and discussed organizations that could be involved in implementing recommendations.

Bicycle Subcommittee Notes

Notes are available online at the City's website.

Loading Zones Rules and Regulations

Randy Bowman indicated staff's goal is to examine each of the five parking programs in the City. Loading Zones is one of the programs. He said the rules and regulations review will be similar to the valet parking review, but not as protracted. Staff will probably form a stakeholder's committee to gather input. Mr. Bowman asked for a volunteer to represent the Commission in this effort. Staff would like to bring draft rules and regulations to the Commission in January.

Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Downtown Action Plan

Copies of the Downtown Action Plan scope of work were distributed (copies available upon request). Randy Bowman indicated the Downtown Action Plan is an implementation of the transportation elements of the 2010 Downtown Strategic Plan. Mr. Bowman reviewed some of the high priority projects, including: updating the Downtown Columbus Circulation Study, restoring some level of parking on High Street, converting Front Street to two way from Broad Street to Marconi, determining improvements to be made to remaining one-way streets to promote complete streets and economic vitality, and determining what roadway and sidewalk improvements are acceptable in the vicinity of LeVeque Tower. Mr. Bowman indicated Commissioner Val Croasmun has agreed to represent the Commission on a stakeholder group that is being formed. Stakeholder meetings will begin at the end of this month.

Discussion.

Commissioner Simonds asked that a representative from the Division of Mobility Options attend the Mobility Advisory Board to discuss the Downtown Action Plan. Randy Bowman indicated he would have someone attend.

Staff will provide regular updates to this Commission.

Planning Studies

Hamilton Road Planning Study

Gary Wilfong indicated URS has been selected as the lead consultant – the contract is being finalized and should go to City Council in December. URS should begin work in January.

Discussion.

Creative Campus and Short North Studies

Consultants have not yet been consulted for the Creative Campus and Short North studies.

Discussion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lane Avenue Campus Safety

Nick Parker, Off-campus Senator with the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) at The Ohio State University, and John Shumar, member of the Safety Commission for USG, appeared before the Commission. They expressed some safety concerns including need for crosswalks and lower speed limit and/or more speed limit signs.

Discussion.

Staff from the Division of Mobility Options and the Division of Planning and Operations will contact Mr. Parker and Mr. Shumar.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia R. Grove
Recording Secretary

Jeff Stephens
Chairman

Patricia A. Austin
Executive Secretary